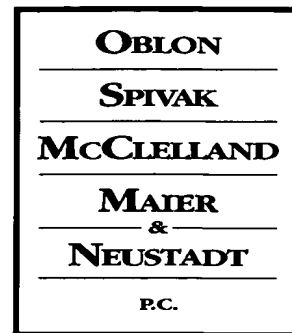


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Response under 37 CFR 1.312 (w/attachment: Copy of Form PTO-1449)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants respectfully call the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Statement of Relevancy filed March 14, 2001.

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